

ACTIVITIES

A former Boy Scout himself, Collier re-entered the world of scouting when his oldest son joined the program years ago. Collier served as his son's Webelos leader, then as cubmaster, assistant scout master and eventually as a district commissioner. Last summer, he was elected chairman of the Davy Crockett District of Boy Scouts.

Collier established the sailing program at Camp Mack Morris, a Boy Scout camp near the Tennessee River in Benton County.

Collier is a graduate of the Wood Badge training program for adult scout leaders and attends the adult training sessions each summer at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, N.M.

In 1996, he received the Silver Beaver Award from the West Tennessee Area Boy Scout Council for distinguished service to youth. He also earned District Awards of Merit for his work both as a Cub Scout leader and as a Boy Scout leader. He was given the honorary title of permanent patrol leader for the Busy Beaver patrol in the Wood Badge Training program.

Collier joined the Dyersburg Civitan Club in March 1968 cause he believed it would provide an opportunity to serve the community. He ended up also serving the club as the Valley District (middle and west Tennessee) lieutenant governor this past year, as president in 1977-78 and in 1994-95, as secretary-treasurer several times and as fruitcake sales chairman in 1980. In August, he was selected as the "Lieutenant Governor of the Year," beating out 12 other potential winners in the district. In the fiscal year that started this month, Collier will serve as the Civitan Clubs' Area 9 director.

Active in First United Methodist Church, Collier serves on the church finance committee and as a Sunday school teacher and participates in the men's chorus. He formerly was a member the church's nominations committee, the pastor-parish relations committee and served as chairman of the administrative board.

In addition, Collier serves as chairman of the craft advisory committee for the office occupations division of the Tennessee Technology Center at Newbern; serves on the advisory committee for typing, shorthand and secretarial science at Dyer County High School; and is a former chairman of the local advisory board for the Tennessee Vocational Training Center in Dyersburg.

QUOTE

"If I have (a motto), it's part of the Civitan creed: 'To follow the golden rule and to make it pay dividends both material and spiritual.'"

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER BRIAN NUTT, USN

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Brian Nutt, who for the past two years has served as the Deputy Director of the House Liaison Office of the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs. Commander Nutt will soon be leaving Capital Hill to attend Prospective Commanding Officer Training, and will eventually take over as the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. *Bremerton* (SSN 698) stationed in San Diego, CVA.

As the Chairman of the House Armed Services Research and Development Subcommittee, I have relied heavily upon Commander Nutt's support for some of my most important endeavors. In the last year, I have traveled on several Congressional delegations with Commander Nutt. During these trips, I worked to foster improved relations between the United States and Russia. The success of my endeavors was in no small part due to the contributions of Commander Nutt.

I am not alone in my deep respect for Commander Nutt. He has made many friends here on Capitol Hill with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. Each and every Member of Congress who has worked with him has come away with a better understanding of how the decisions which we make in this House will affect the men and women who protect and serve our nation. Commander Nutt's skill and dedication have reflected well on him and all of our men and women in uniform.

Commander Nutt has consistently worked to remind this Congress that we must support our troops. No nation has ever been defeated because it is too strong, and we must understand that one of our most important responsibilities outlined in the Constitution is the defense of the American people, wherever they might be, at home or abroad. Leaders like Commander Nutt have made our military the envy of the world.

I ask my colleagues to join me in bidding him farewell, and in wishing him continued success as he embarks on his newest journey to protect our country's national security.

I would like to submit for the RECORD a history of Commander Nutt's service to the United States:

Commissioned through Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI (Nov 82)
Completed Nuclear Power School in Orlando, FL (Jun 83)
Completed Prototype Reactor Operation Training in Idaho Falls, ID (Dec 83)
Completed Submarine Officer Basic Training in New London, CT (Mar 84)
Junior Officer Sea Tour—U.S.S. *New York City* (SSN 696), Pearl Harbor, HI (Apr 84-Feb 87)
Received my Dolphins (qualified "Submarines") Jun 85
Completed Submarine Officer Advanced Course in New London, CT (Mar-Sep 87)
Served as Weapons Officer on U.S.S. *Louisville* (SSN 724), San Diego, CA (Oct 87-Oct 89).
Served as Submarine Liaison Officer on the staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE, San Diego, CA (Nov 89-Nov 91)
Served on the Combat Systems Training Team conducting submarine weapons certification, San Diego, CA (Nov 91-Oct 93)
Served as Radiological Controls Officer on the submarine tender, U.S.S. *Frank Cable* (AS 40) in Charleston, SC (Nov 93-Feb 95)
Served as Executive Officer on U.S.S. *Puffer* (SSN 652) in San Diego and then decommissioned her in Bremerton, WA (Apr 95-Jun 96)
Served as Executive Officer on U.S.S. *Alabama* (SSBN 731) in Bangor, WA (Jul 96-Sep 97)
Served as Officer of Legislative Affairs, Deputy Director, House Liaison Office (Nov 97-Dec 99)

Commander Nutt's inspirational leadership, breadth of vision, and complete success have earned the award of the Meritorious Service Medal for his superb accomplishments

TRIBUTE TO FATHER PIO OLIVA GOTTIN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn yesterday of the death of Padre Pio Oliva Gottin. Nho Padre Pio, as he was known to many, was a pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts, and was one of the most respected and dedicated leaders of the Cape Verdean Community both in the United States and in the Republic of Cape Verde. A native of Italy, and a missionary of the Order of Capuchins, he devoted his pastorate and life to responding to the needs of the community, and he was an important spokesman and advocate of the Cape Verdean-American and Cape Verdean immigrant people living in the Northeast, and in particular, Massachusetts. As a Member of the U.S. Congress, with the proud honor of representing one of the largest Cape Verdean-American constituencies in the United States, it is with great sadness that I join his family, friends, the members of his congregation, and the entire Cape Verdean Community both here and abroad in remembering and paying tribute to Padre Pio for his decades of valuable contributions to the spiritual and cultural life of the Cape Verdean people from around the world. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the statement by the Prime Minister of Cape Verde, Dr. Carlos Alberto Wahnnon Veiga, on the death of Padre Pio Oliva Gottin, be printed in translated form.

TRANSLATION—OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE

The People and Government of Cape Verde learned with profound sadness and regret of the death, yesterday afternoon, of FATHER PIO, a missionary with eminent qualities and a great friend of Cape Verde and particularly of the Brava Island and its people.

The Catholic Church and the People of Cape Verde lost a man of great stature, a friend and protector of the poor.

FATHER PIO, a native of Italy, came to Cape Verde as a young missionary from the Capuchin Order doing his work mostly in the Brava island where he gained much respect and admiration.

In the process, on that island, "Nino Padri", as he was affectionately called, tirelessly sought to respond to the needs of the disenfranchised by creating conditions for self-improvement and social integration through education and training.

This is how the "Escola Materna de Nova Sintra", founded by Father Pio, has assumed such an important role in numerous professional arenas such as carpentry, secretarial and others which today still have a relevant role in the Braven Community.

Even though he resided in the United States in the last few years, he continued his missionary work with the Cape Verdean community for whom FATHER PIO continued to be a point of reference.